(6) लीची के लिए दो शीत भंडारों की स्थापना मुज्जफरपुर तथा पटना में की गई है।

(7) उष्णकटिबंधीय, शीतोष्ण तथा शुष्क क्षेत्र के फलों (लीची सहित) के समेकित विकास से संबंधित केन्द्र द्वारा प्रायोजित योजना के अंतर्गत गुणवत्ता केन्द्र द्वारा प्रोयोजित योजना के अंतर्गत गुणवत्ता वाली रोपण सामग्री की आपूर्ति और किसानों को प्रशिक्षण देना।

(ग) जी, नहीं

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Newspaper report on trade with European Countries

1033. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Press newsitem captioned "Bottlenecks effect trade with EU" as reported in the Pioneer dated 19th January, 1996;

(b) if so, whether the Indian Embassies in European countries are creating hurdles in trade;

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(d) the coorective steps Government propose totake in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Essential Commodities at Higher Prices

1034. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CON SUMER rtFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DIS TRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the State and Union Territories where essential commodities such as rice, wheat, sugar, dal and Pamolein oil are being sold on exorbitant rate; and

(b) the steps being taken to control such rise in prices of essential commodities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DEPTT. OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM) (SHRI VENOD SHARMA): (a) There was no report from any States/UTs about essential commodities being sold at exorbitant rates. The availability of most of the essential commodities in the country is satisfactory.

(b) The measures taken by the Government to contain the prices inter alia include the incentives to farmers and the manufacturers to enhance their output, import of edible oils, strict action against hoarders and blackmarketeers under Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and Prevention of Black Marketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act, 1980. The essential commodities are also being supplied at reasonable prices through cooperative stores and State Civil Supplies Corporations in addition to those supplied through the Public Distribution System and Revamped Public Distribution System. State Governments have been requested to keep a close watch on the prices of essential commodities in their States/UTs.

Country-wide Strike by Trade Unions

1035. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government art- aware of the country-wide Strike on 23rd February, 1996 called by several Trade Unions including CITU, UTUC, IFTU, etc.;

(b) what are the demands of these Unions;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have held talks with any of the representatives of these Unions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?